

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES HEALTH FUND
STATE OF HAWAII
ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HAWAII ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
TITLE 6, CHAPTERS 30, 33, and 34

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 87 and 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), notice is hereby given that the Hawaii Public Employees Health Fund will hold a public hearing on October 10, 2000, at 9:00 a.m., No. 1 Capitol District Building, Room 303, at 250 South Hotel Street, Honolulu, Hawaii, to consider the following amendments to Title 6, Hawaii Administrative Rules:

1. Section 6-30-2 is amended by amending the definition of a foster child.
2. Section 6-33-1 is amended to authorize the administrator to permit employee organizations who participate in the Health Fund's new Information Management System to file their employee members' enrollment applications via electronic systems.
3. Section 6-33-3 is amended to reclassify current rules by using the event date as the effective date of an employee-beneficiary's insurance coverage for those events which permits new enrollments or changes of enrollments; and to comply with federal Health Insurance Protection Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 which permits new enrollment opportunities for an employee who declines Health Fund benefit plan coverage when first eligible.
4. Section 6-33-4 is amended to reclassify current rules by using the first day of the month following the event date as the common effective date of an employee-beneficiary's insurance coverage for those events which permit changes of enrollments.
5. Section 6-33-4.5 is added as a new section to reclassify current rules by using the first day of the pay period following the event date as the common effective date of insurance coverage for those additional events which permit new enrollments or changes of enrollments.
6. Section 6-33-6 is repealed because it has been reclassified under rule sections 6-33-3, 6-33-4, and 6-33-4.5
7. Section 6-33-7 is repealed because it has been reclassified under rule sections 6-33-3 and 6-33-4.5.

8. Section 6-33-7.5 is repealed because it has been reclassified under rule section 6-33-3(a)(2).
9. Section 6-33-8 is amended to clarify the Health Fund's open and special enrollment period filing procedures by requiring employee-beneficiaries to file enrollment applications and pay monthly contributions for the coverage selected.
10. Section 6-33-13 is amended to allow employee-beneficiaries to amend or rescind their original enrollment decisions prior to the effective date of insurance coverage.
11. Section 6-33-16 is amended to standardize the Health Fund's effective date for retiree enrollment transactions as the first day of the pay period following the event date or filing date.
12. Section 6-33-17.5 is added as a new section to classify employees into specific groups which identify which plans they are eligible for; e.g., BU 01 employees would be eligible for only UPW Plans and Health Fund Plans.
13. Section 6-33-18.5 is amended to clarify the filing procedures for employee-beneficiaries who reinstate their enrollments upon return to work or FMLA leave.
14. Section 6-33-20 is amended to cancel the Health Fund insurance coverage at the end of the pay period instead of at the end of the month; and to enable the Health Fund to remit employee contributions (collected prior to the enrollment cancellation event) to insurance carriers.
15. Section 6-33-22 is amended to clarify that termination of the Health Fund insurance coverage at the end of the pay period containing the employment termination date.
16. Section 6-34-2.5 is added as a new section to require mandatory federal Medicare Plan enrollments for eligible retirees under Act 136, SLH 1999.
17. Section 6-34-8.5 is added as a new section to allow the administrator to disburse a deceased employee-beneficiary's unpaid Medicare reimbursement amount to preference beneficiaries.

18. Section 6-34-8.6 is added as a new section to permit the administrator to recover the amount of Medicare Part B overpayment.

All interested persons shall be afforded an opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments orally or in writing, at the time of the hearing. All persons wishing to submit written statements are requested to submit twenty (20) copies of the written statement to the Administrator, Hawaii Public Employees Health Fund, 201 Merchant Street, Room 1520, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813, by October 3, 2000.

A copy of the amendments proposed for adoption will be mailed at no cost to any interested person who requests a copy. The request may be made in writing to the Administrator, Hawaii Public Employees Health Fund, 201 Merchant Street, Room 1520, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813, or by telephone by calling (808) 586-2117 (Oahu). Toll-free voice access numbers for each neighbor island are as follows: 274-3141 ext. 6-2117 (Kauai), 984-2400 ext. 6-2117 (Maui), 974-4000 ext. 6-2117 (Hawaii), and 1-800-468-4644 ext. 6-2117 (Molokai and Lanai). In addition, a copy of the amendments proposed for adoption may be reviewed at the above address between the hours of 7:45 a.m. through 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday except on state or federal holidays.

The hearing location is disability accessible. If special needs are required to be satisfied (i.e., sign language), please call the Administrator at (808) 586-2117 by 3:00 p.m., October 2, 2000.

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